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Status						
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 Fe	bruary 2004.					
2a) This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) ★ This	This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.					
• •	3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
closed in accordance with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45	i3 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) <u>1-3</u> is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw	n from consideration.					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-3</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	14					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	election requirement.					
Application Papers						
9)⊠ The specification is objected to by the Examine						
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>17 February 2004</u> is/are	: a) accepted or b) dobjected	d to by the Examiner.				
Applicant may not request that any objection to the	frawing(s) be held in abeyance. See	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).				
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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Attachment(s)  1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary	(PTO-413)				
2) Notice of Preferences Cited (PTO-892)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Da	ite				
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### **Drawings**

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the two bushings recited inline 2 from the bottom of claim 1 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered. Examiner notes that only one bushing is shown in the figures.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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# Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the term "rotably" first recited in line 2 of paragraph [0028] should be reworded.

Appropriate correction is required.

## Claim Objections

3. Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities: the term "rotably" first recited in line 4 of claim 1 should be reworded. Appropriate correction is required.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
  The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- 5. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re: claim 1. The phrase "said upright portion of the two rear wheel brackets" in the last line of the claim is indefinite. Earlier in the claim Applicant recites that each rear wheel bracket has an upright portion, therefore, it is unclear to the Examiner as to which rear wheel bracket upright portion Applicant is referring to in the last line of the claim.

Re: claims 2 and 3. The phrase "a wheelbarrow" first recited in line 4 of claim 2 is indefinite. It is unclear to the Examiner whether the wheelbarrow in claim 2 is intended to be the same or different from that in claim 1. A similar issue exists in claim 3.

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Re: claim 3. The phrase "the brake pads" in line 3 is indefinite. In claim 1the phrase "at least one brake pad" is recited, therefore, it is possible from the recitation that only one brake pad exists. Examiner recommends using such language as --wherein the at least one brake pad includes a plurality of brake pads-- if this is Applicant's intention.

## Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action. The prior art of record fails to show or suggest the claimed wheelbarrow braking system arrangement.

#### Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US Patents: 2716031 to Roessler, 4962833 to McCurdy, 6148963 to Canfield, Jr., and US Patent Application 2003/0141686 to Willis teach the use of similar wheelbarrow braking systems. US Patent 5531295 to Kopman et al. teaches the use of a braking system for a handtruck.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melody M. Burch whose telephone number is 703-306-4618. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30 AM-4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone

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